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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed February 13, 2002, which response is being made on or before August 13, 2002, and for which a three months extension fee is due and is being submitted herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the claims:

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Please cancel claims 3-6, 12, 13, 15-17, 22-25, 32 and 41-44. TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Please amend claims 1, 2, 14 and 37-40 as follows:

(Amended) A method of generating a mutant miniature plant having a desired trait, the method comprising:

(a) utilizing a population of miniature plants having the following characteristics: (i) uniformly reduced size in comparison to a commercial plant of the same species; (ii) maturation to produce viable seeds or tubers at a plant density of at least ten-fold higher than standard growth conditions used for a commercial plant of